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'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Cleaned from Exchanges--Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot--Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

Hopkins is planning to have a base ball tournament sometime in August.

"One skinny dime" is the advertised admission fee of a new Franklin theatre.

In the circuit court of Scott county fifty couples are seeking a separation by divorce.

A Grant City girl who chews gum estimates that her jaw travels up and down 2 miles a week.

If there is anything in a name Miss Worm of Sedalia should excel in doing the late dance steps.

The proposition to light the streets of Grant City carried at the special city election Monday by a vote of 22 to 252.

A carload of Alberta peaches will be sent early in August from Howell and Oregon counties to the San Francisco expositions.

Senator James A. Reed will be at the Platte county fair on Thursday when he will address the county on the late issues of the day.

Mrs. Ella Barker, aged 72 years, the mother of Attorney General John T. Baker, died at Quincy, Ill., at the home of her daughter, Monday.

A \$28,000 bond issue will be voted on at Lexington, August 3. The proposal is to bond the city for that sum in order to liquidate outstanding indebtedness.

It has been predicted that with in ten years the Ozark country will be the richest part of Missouri, and the richest dairy country in the world, even leading Denmark.

The whereabouts of the farmer who last year said it would take ten years to "soak up" the land as it should be is exciting the curiosity of the Sheridan Advance.

A half-breed Indian who owns a farm in Lincoln county goes barefoot ten months of each year. He is 46 years old, sleeps out of doors and says he never has been sick a day in his life.

George W. Lynes of Guthrie treasures a copy of the will of his great grandfather, James Suggett, of Fayette, Ky., and made March 5, 1776. The will was filed for probate in 1786.

Latest Missouri statistics show that of 3,293,325 persons making up the population of the state, the majority, or 1,398,518, live in rural sections, and 1,398,817, or 496,701, live in cities and towns.

A hungry squirrel put a part of the Maryville telephone exchange out of commission by eating the insulation from one of the large cables of trunk wires.

The reunion of the veterans of the battle of Wilson's Creek will be on the battle field near Springfield on August 10, 11 and 12. It will be to commemorate the 44th anniversary of that famous struggle.

In the person of John C. Forbes, Pemiscot county has a citizen 91 years old last March. It is said Mr. Forbes is a farmer and makes a hand on his farm, and is as hale, hearty and jovial as a man of half his number of years.

A Johnson county farmer owns two domesticated mallard ducks that between April 1 and July 1 laid 152 eggs. Some ducks.

An amusement firm operating an air dome at Pleasant Hill announced that if the rain did not quit they would. It didn't, so they did.

The bonds to raise money for the new \$14,500 school building at Fortescue, were sold Saturday June 10, to a St. Louis firm. A premium of \$227.50 was given.

The "Trenton idea" seems spreading to the remote corners of the earth. The Times tells of the recent receipt of a letter of inquiry from Balaklava, South Australia.

Tied to the hitch rack at Amos Hall's store Wednesday was a team of grey mules 42 years old that had been driven over from LaCygne that day.—Amsterdam Local.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wendt of Grundy county are receiving congratulations. For the 17th time the stork has visited the Wendt household. The latest arrival is a boy.

There must have been mighty twittering over at Fairfield in Benton county on July Fourth when Birdie, Jessie and Jimmie Bird with their families spent the day with Lemmie Bird.

In attempting to learn something of the sensations of death by hanging, Munroe Leonard Stafford, 10 year old, accidentally met death in a barn near his home in Clayton, a local suburb.

James Lawrence, who escaped the state penitentiary about two weeks ago, has been recaptured. He is serving a term of ten years for shooting young Pullen at Bonne Terre. An effort was being made to secure his parole when he attempted to escape. He will now have to serve the rest of his entire term.—Farmington News.

Howard Levan, a young married man, was given a whipping by Blodgett citizens last week and warned to leave the city. He was charged with peeping thru the windows of the residence of a citizen. Levan is now starting a suit for \$25,000 damages against several prominent citizens of Blodgett, who he says were in the party that punished him.

In the local option election held in St. Francois county last week, the drys won out by a majority of 942. All of the county participated in the election except the city of Farmington, which gave a dry majority of 29 at an election held last January; the total dry majority in the county being 971. Voting was light in last week's election, the vote over the county being 1200 short of a full vote.

A report comes from Columbia that the State Teachers' Association at a meeting there Saturday elected E. M. Carter, secretary to succeed William P. Evans, resigned. If Mr. Carter accepts this place it will be necessary for him to move to Jefferson City and devote his entire time to the work. For this reason it is hoped by many that he will not find it to his best interests to accept.—Cape Republican.

On account of opening the lead mines at Fredericktown, that town is enjoying a boom in commercial circles. There is not a house in the town for rent.

Over at Benton, Scott county, it is said spectators are not allowed to nap in the court room. Recently a man tried to snooze, but a deputy sheriff nudged him back to consciousness.

Down at Caruthersville the contractors are having some trouble installing the sewerage system. Owing to the sand, the walls of the ditches, have to be supported with planks to prevent caving.

Lawrence Hill, a well known druggist of Caruthersville died at his home in that city last Friday. His remains were interred at his boyhood home in Malden last Sunday. He was a son of the late E. W. Hill of Malden and a nephew of David B. Hill, former governor of New York.—Dunklin Democrat, Kennett.

E. F. Jenkins of Jackson recently applied for a pension to the state for Confederate soldiers and was duly informed that war records show he had been killed in an engagement in Arkansas fifty years ago. However he is very much alive and will have little difficulty in proving this fact and his identity.

Sikeston is going to have a special election Tuesday, August 10th, for the purpose of electing an Alderman in Wards No. 2 and 3, to fill the vacancies created by the disqualification of James E. Smith and Lowden D. Randal, who had neglected to pay their taxes. These men are candidates for re-election, but have opponents.

A barber of Ulrich, who had but recently married, sat on a bench with his fair young bride, in front of his shop embracing and kissing and cooing to his wife. The mayor of the town saw the loving demonstration and had the groom arrested, brought before him, the mayor, and a fine of \$10 was imposed. The barber has appealed the case to the circuit court.

Robert L. Witherspoon, long a prominent business man of Brownington, chose an awful method of ending his life Thursday afternoon. About two o'clock in the afternoon he left his home going out to a pasture in the rear of the dwelling to a large tree probably an eighth of a mile from the dwelling. He carried with him a stick of dynamite, with a fuse and cap, and lighting it he calmly laid down with his head on the explosive. The resulting explosion instantly blotted out his life, blowing off the entire top and back of his skull, leaving only his chin.

That was a very close call for U. S. Deputy Marshal Ed Morrison in Kansas City the other day. Standing in the marshals office, another government employ handed him a new gun he had just bought. Ed looked the weapon over and pronounced it a very good one. "But," he added, "I'd rather have this one," at the same time displaying his own trusty artillery. The friend took the gun and carelessly pulled the trigger without thinking of it being loaded. There was a loud report, and the bullet hurled a red streak in Ed's neck, so close did it graze, and buried itself in the wall.

What They Escape.
Lots of people who complain that they don't get all they deserve should really congratulate themselves.—Wall Street Journal.

How To Can Beans For Winter Use.

Green Beans, which are so plentiful at present, may be canned easily. Canned beans form a pleasant addition to the winter diet.

The home economics department of the University of Missouri at Columbia tells how to can beans. In preparation, wash and string the beans as if for immediate use. Next pack them in jars as tightly as possible, covering with water and adding a teaspoonful of salt to each quart. Put on the rubbers and tops, adjusting loosely, then place on a rack of some sort or layer of straw in the bottom of a boiler and cover with clean water. Boil for two hours, counting from the time the water begins to boil. Remove from the water and seal immediately.

The best jar for this purpose is one that fastens with a wire spring. In using this style of jar, the glass tops are put in place, held on loosely with the wire passing over the top. After removing from the hot water the wire spring is tightened, thus sealing the jar. The reason for sealing while hot is that steam, not air, be contained in the jar. This steam condenses when the jar cools and leaves a vacuum which holds on the top of the jar.

The jar should be tested from day to date by releasing the spring. You should be able to lift the weight of the jar by the glass top. If the top loosens when this is tried, then the sealing is imperfect or the contents of the jar is spoiling. If the spoiling has not gone too far, the contents of the jar can be re-sterilized in the same way as the beginning.

W. T. Jackson of Ravenwood, had reasons for believing this would be a prosperous year with him. He had one hundred acres of fine wheat all out and in the shock. After the flood of Platte river subsided he found three bundles remaining of his hundred acres.

W. S. Cowherd, who recently died in California, left an estate valued at \$185,000. He left no will and for that reason one half of his estate will go to his widow and the other half between two sisters. His widow was named a administrator with bond at twenty thousand dollars.

Mrs. Rebecca Castle, of Oregon, recently received a check for \$7.00 in payment for a pair boots, that her husband, the late Amos J. Castle, who was a shoemaker in that city, had made more than 40 years ago. Mr. Castle was sheriff of Holt county in Holt county in 1834.

The Excelsior Springs Journal tells of a citizen who has discovered a way to keep from washing dishes while his wife is away. He bought tin dishes, and at night put them on the porch, and says if it doesn't rain, the cat will always lick them. Hasn't been much work for the feline lately, has there.

"Pike's Peak or Bust" is the inscription on an ancient glass whiskey flask found by Felix Buellens when remodeling the vault of the probate court office at Lexington. Old timers pronounced the flask of the vintage of 1859. It was found in a hidden cranny where doubtless it had reposed for fifty years or more. A tragedy of the incident is that the flask was empty.

Build Silos To Save Immature Corn.

By M. A. R. KELLEY.
The lateness of planting, the slow growing season, and heavy rains, all point toward a large percentage of immature corn this fall. What are you going to do with your soft corn? Are you prepared to "can it"?

The live stock farmer can profitably utilize this soft corn by putting it in a silo. The silo is an investment which pays high interest on the live stock farm. The man who has no silo will have to do the best he can.

Now is the time to build while the silo filling season is several weeks distant. A silo to be successful must be air tight, the walls smooth, and strong enough to withstand the outward pressure of silage. A silo that meets these requirements will be successful regardless of the material with which it is built.

Bulletin 133 and other publications on silos and silage by the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station at Columbia contain valuable hints on silos and the use of silage. Free plans and instructions for building concrete silos can also be obtained. A man will be sent to help start the silo, where the farmer desires and is willing to pay his traveling expenses.

Green Manure.

Our soil needs manure more than any other fertilizer. Even in the swamps where the lumberman has cleared up a small patch the same thing is true. Where garden or farm crops are grown on these small clearings, the place where a shed, or barn, has stood, is always outstanding.

But Southeast Missouri does not now have enough live stock to supply enough manure to properly cover her land. Green manure is the best thing to use until we get stock. Peas are more often used for this purpose than any other crop because of their rank growth and because they add nitrogen to the soil. Any rank growth adds humus. Even weeds have considerable value and a heavy growth should be plowed under.

One think we lack for this work is better plows. It may be some farmer can turn under tangled pea vines, or weeds, as high as the horses backs with the ordinary walking plow, but not many do so. A sulky plow is the best thing to tackle such a job with, and I am afraid we will continue to burn much valuable humus until we get better plows.

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A small female dog belonging to Sam Offott, living on the Ben Pixlee farm, east of town, having lost her puppies, went out one night recently and found a nest of four young pole cats, which she carried to the house and has since mothered them most affectionately, being very jealous of her adopted family. They are pretty looking little animals, and seem as well contented as though with one of their own kind. Mr. Offott takes especial pride in them and is pleased to show them to visitors. They will be denatured in order that no unpleasant conditions may arise in the future.—Liberty Tribune.

Origin of "Entente."
The phrase "entente cordiale" was first used to express the friendly relations existing between France and England in 1843.

GIVE ALL TO FRANCE

Rich and Poor Turn Over Hoarded Treasure.

Peddler and Seamstress Lead Great Line of Patriots Bringing Gold to Maintain Nation's Credit and Defense.

Paris.—Since the Bank of France opened special counters in Paris to receive the people's hoarded gold a few days ago the yellow coins have continued to flow in an uninterrupted stream. Depositors exchanged gold for bank notes in the first four days in Paris to the extent of \$3,000,000. No reports from the provinces have been made out.

Capitalists went to the bank in automobiles, taking little bags of gold to strengthen the credit of France and help in the national defense. In the early morning hours working men and small employers hurried in on the way to their labor to hand in their jealously preserved savings.

First to respond to the call for more gold were a street lemonade seller who brought two napoleons wrapped in a big rag, and a little seamstress, who proudly gave her solitary coin.

All who take gold to the bank get in return a receipt slip as a souvenir, saying for their country's sake they have parted with their treasure.

In addition to equivalent value in paper money the Bank of France can issue legally three bank bills of \$20 for every \$20 in gold. When Finance Minister Ribot asked the governor of the Bank of France to open special gold-receiving offices in Paris and its provincial branches M. Pallain already had taken steps to this end.

Inquiries in many competent quarters have led to the estimate that gold money held privately in France amounts to \$700,000,000, or nearly \$80,000,000 less than the total gold reserve now at the Bank of France.

Few of the depositors say: "I wish to exchange gold," or, "I wish to pay in gold." All make the simple remark: "I bring gold."

Rich and poor alike are conscious they are taking gold, not to the bank, but for France.

It would be a mistake for the public to imagine that it is making a sacrifice in exchanging gold for notes, since the gold is unemployed and therefore unprofitable. The bank is naturally anxious to keep as large a reserve as possible so as to maintain fully the credit of its paper issues and at the same time enable the government to pay for supplies from abroad in gold.

Another reason why the government wishes the nation's gold to be held in the strong hands of the bank is to prevent it from being withdrawn privately under false pretenses to find its way to the enemy by trickery. Germany and Austria are in desperate straits financially, and are ready to adopt the most deceitful practices to get gold.

SINGS TO HER DEAD BABY

Child Had Drowned in Four Inches of Water While Mother Was in Another Room.

New York.—Mrs. Bernard Morris of 2376 Eighth avenue left her son Philip, fifteen months old, and her daughter Helen, two years old, lying in four inches of water in the bathtub while she went into another room.

In a few moments she heard the little girl scream. Rushing into the bathroom, she found the baby floating face downward in the water. Thinking the baby had only turned over, the mother dried him carefully and put him in his cradle.

For several minutes she sang and rocked the baby, and then, seeing he was quiet, she put her hand on the child's face. It was cold. Doctor Rosenbluth of the Harlem hospital, who was summoned, said the child was drowned.

HOGS SAVE OWNER'S LIFE

They Kill Three Snakes With Which a Trout Run Man Was Battling.

Clearfield, Pa.—Permitted to roam through the woods at will, several pigs belonging to Henry Smith, a wealthy farmer near Trout Run, developed a great dislike for snakes.

Recently when Smith, while trying to kill two rattlesnakes and a black snake, which were fighting, was attacked by all three reptiles, his hogs, feeding a short distance away, heard the noise and coming to his aid with their sharp hoofs and tusks, tore the snakes into shreds and devoured them.

The rattlesnakes, according to Smith, measured three feet in length. The blacksnake was the largest ever seen in this section.